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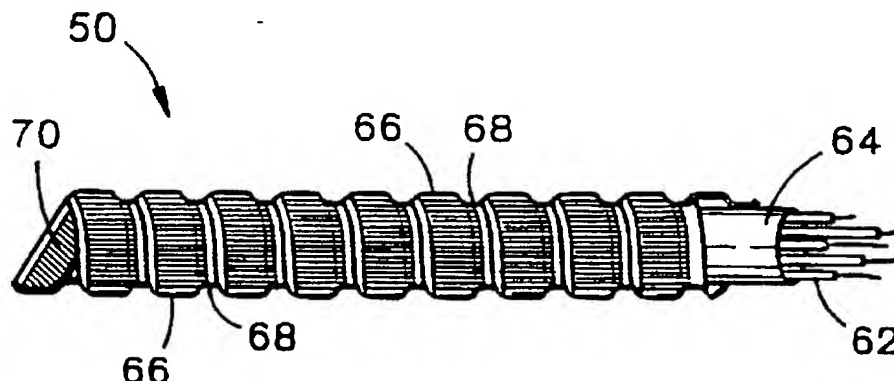
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**ABSTRACT**

Armored cable sheath is coded for easy visual identification by applying patterns, e.g., colored patterns, along the length of the cable. The sheath may be formed of a helically interlocked continuous strip of metal, or of smooth or corrugated continuous metal tubing. The patterns are applied on the outer surface of the sheath and are repeated along the length of the sheath.

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